

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1664 – HB 1371

March 13, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the State Board of Education to develop guidelines and criteria for the inclusion of foreign language instruction in grades K-6.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* – \$52,895 Recurring/Per School/Permissive
\$ 5,500 One-Time/Per School/Permissive**

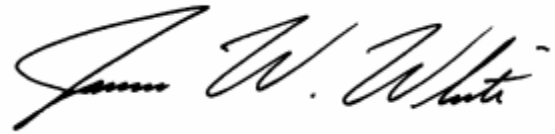
Assumptions:

- Foreign language instruction would be at the discretion of the LEA; therefore, the above estimate indicates the local cost for each school/program that is established.
- Foreign language instruction would be offered to students at least twice a week.
- An adequate program would require a minimum of one full-time foreign language teacher, trained and endorsed, for each school serving K-6 elementary students.
- An estimated salary plus benefits of \$52,895 per teacher.
- Each school/program would need start-up materials and supplies (lesson boxes, tapes, textbooks in the target language, and videos/technology program) at an estimated one-time cost of approximately \$5,500.
- The cost of one program (one teacher plus materials) is estimated to be approximately \$58,395.
- There are approximately 1,100 schools in Tennessee that serve K-6 students.
- If every school (serving K-6 students) offered foreign language instruction, the increase in local government expenditures is estimated to exceed \$64,000,000. (1,100 schools/teachers required statewide plus supplies x \$58,395 = \$64,234,500)
- Foreign language is offered in grades 9-12 as an elective for students in the technology track. For students in the university track, two credits of a foreign language are required for college admission.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director